

Masjid Al-Nabawi Paper Mache Project

Build Masjid Al-Nabawi using house hold items. Create a green paper mache dome to give your masjid the perfect touch.

Before you start: Research and share stories with your children about Rasulullah (s) and the importance of the 12th of Rabi' al-Awwal.

Materials:	Paper Mache Recipe
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cardboard box (or two stacked cereal boxes) – masjid base 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Boil 5 cups water 2. Put 1/2 cup flour and 1 cup cold water into a bowl – and mix until there are no lumps 3. Pour the flour mixture into the boiled water. (Add 3 TBS salt to avoid mold) 4. Boil gently for two or three minutes, stirring until the paste becomes thick. 5. Leave for an hour to cool.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper towel role (minar) 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plastic bowl (for mold) 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newspaper 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green, White, and Brown Paint 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thick and Thin paint brushes 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glue 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tarp or plastic table cloth (to protect table) 	

Creating the Dome-



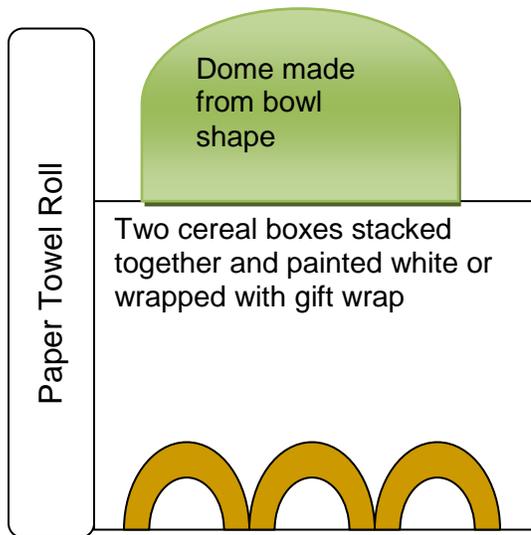
- This project can get very messy, be sure to protect the table and floor!
- **First:** Tear the newspaper into strips (about 1 inch wide and 6 inches long). Tearing works better than cutting.
- **Second:** Turn the bowl upside down. Place one a layer of newspaper strips moistened with water on the bowl.
- **Next:** Dip each strip of paper into the paste and place strips on the bowl. Make sure the strips overlap and cover the entire bowl. It is best to lay the strips criss-crossing in many directions to make a stronger finished product.
- Each project needs 3 layers. Let each layer dry for 24 hours in-between.
- Once dried paint the dome Green.

Creating the Masjid Base:

- Stack two cereal boxes on top of each other (glue or tape together).
- Repeat the paper mache steps above (covering the entire box).
- When complete paint white.
- * To avoid doing paper mache for the box; wrap the box in white gift wrap (use the reverse side of most any gift wrap).

Creating the Minaret and Details:

- Paint the paper towel roll white and glue to the masjid base.
- Use paint to add several arches to the base.
- Use paint to add designs to the minaret.



Samples from students:

